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In re Application of: Souza *et al*

Application No.: 09/992,873

Group Art Unit: 1646

Filed: November 6, 2001

Examiner: E. Kemmerer

For: Production of Pluripotent Granulocyte Colony-
Stimulating Factor

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to an Office Action, mailed March 19, 2003, in the above-mentioned application. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 45 under the doctrine of nonstatutory double patenting in view of claims 15 and 28-30 of U.S. Patent No 4,810,643, claim 5 of U.S. Patent No. 4,999,291, and claims 1-4 of U.S. Patent No 5,830,705. The Examiner also objected to claim 45 based on an informality.